

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement contending that the application claims four distinct inventions. Specifically, the Examiner identifies the four inventions as being:

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| Group I | Claims 1-11, and 63-75 drawn to a method of performing an assay in a mass spectrometer, classified in class 702, subclass 19. |
| Group II | Claims 12-16, drawn to a method for performing analysis in a mass spectrometer, classified in class 702, subclass 19. |
| Group III | Claims 17-24, drawn to a system for analyzing biological samples, classified in class 436, subclass 250. |
| Group IV | Claims 25-62 drawn to a system for analyzing biological samples, classified in class 436, subclass 250. |

Applicants elect the claims of Group III (claims 17-24) without traverse. Claims 1-16 and 25-75 are withdrawn. Applicants, however, reserve the right pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.141 to pursue claims to the non-elected invention in this application in the event a generic claim is allowed.

Applicants also reserve the right pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention during the pendency of the present application.

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CONCLUSION

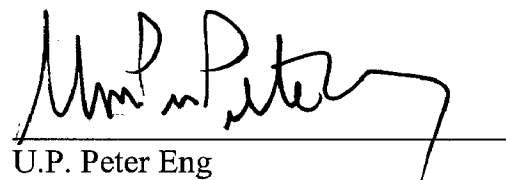
In light of the amendments set forth above, Applicants earnestly believe that they are entitled to a letters patent, and respectfully solicit the Examiner to expedite prosecution of this patent to issuance. Should the Examiner have any questions, Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 29191-707.501).

Respectfully,
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